



# You Are Your Child's Most Important Teacher

There is an old saying that a parent's heart is the child's school room. The seminal lessons taught in the home stay with children as they make their way through school and life, shaping interest, ideals, and enthusiasm for learning. Parents are children's first and most important teachers. Raising your child is your number one job. Seeing that he/she gets a good education is in many respects the crux of the task.

Parental expectations are important. Children strive to clear the bars that the parents set. So long as those standards are fair and reasonable, they help kids flourish. Parents' expectations determine whether children finish homework on time and study for test. They separate good students from bad. They help set the course of life. Helping to set standards for our children allows us not to place burdens on them.

Know what your child is doing, where he is, who his friends are, what books he reads, what movie he sees, keeps track of schoolwork, what he/she is learning, checking on completed assignments and preparation for up-coming test. The parents of good students keep an eye on what the school teaches. They have a sense of the expectations it maintains and the discipline it requires. Your children's education deserves our vigilance. Parents must stay alert, so that your children do not veer off of the learning track. It may be harder to get them back on.

Your love, and your attitude about education, your efforts, ideals, rules and expectations – the time and attention that you pay, may not guarantee academic achievement, but they make it much more likely.

***"What a reward it is to see children's eyes holding wonder like a cup."***  
***~ Marva Collins***